

TELEPHONE SERVICE IS NEARLY NORMAL

J. A. Halliday, for Company, Makes Statement; Strike Committee Is Satisfied.

ACTUAL SITUATION PUZZLE

W. D. Quinn, Chairman of Strikers' Organization, Says He Must See Order to Go Back to Work Before Commenting on It.

"The service is practically normal," said J. A. Halliday, district commercial superintendent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, last night.

"We are holding every man and woman who went out and gaining scores in addition and are entirely satisfied with results," was the statement of W. D. Quinn, chairman of the strike committee of the Electrical Workers' and Operators' locals.

General reports from all sources yesterday were that the service was not quite so good as Thursday, the first day after the strike order became effective.

Real Situation Unknown.

Both sides "were taken" kept on needles and pins throughout the day and night by various telegrams and up to a late hour last night no one here could be found who seemed to have positive information as to just what is the actual situation, except that the strike here is still in progress.

No such order that refers to the Associated Press dispatches from San Francisco, ordering the strikers back to work, had been received by union officials at a late hour and they were on the contrary, executing every detail of strike duty as originally planned and announced that their pickets have been continually winning over those engaged to take the places left vacant by strikers.

Force Practically Same.

"About all that I can say is that the service is being maintained practically at normal, with about the same force as Thursday," said Mr. Halliday. "Having added to the operating staff enough girls to bring the total number up to about 500 in all of our exchanges, affairs have continued the same as on the previous day, with all calls well cared for. Very few of those employed following the strike failed to return this morning. We engaged some more and still others. I understand, have joined the union. However, the average has been held and we are able to handle the situation quite satisfactorily, although we could use some more girls."

"We have received no order to return to work," declared Mr. Quinn. "We would have to see such an order first before I could return and we are not to be taken. It would have to come from the right source and would have to be considered. I might say, however, that is our information that the whole coast is going out tonight and that, unless the company recedes from its present attitude of refusing to recognize the operators, everything on the coast will be tied up."

Picketing Still On.

Picketing continued unabated yesterday, while policemen were posted at each exchange to maintain order, which was easy; there was no disturbance, so far as reported up to a late hour.

A favorite feature of the day, so far as the striking operators were concerned, was that of taking photographs at the exchanges of those who had taken their places at the switchboards. At West Park and Alder streets a battery of cameras was trained on the girls by strikers as fast as they came out after shift changes.

In many instances girls shielded their faces to keep from being "taken." Girl pickets were busy at every exchange and continually pleaded with those who came out or went into an exchange not to work.

Situation at the Dalles Quiet.

THE DALLES, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The local telephone strike situation remained unchanged here today. The company is managing to handle the calls fairly well. Manager B. L. Carson said today that he would have the routine at normal fully by the first of next week. The girls appear to be confident, and while maintaining a small picket line there has been no disturbance. The company is importing girls from Portland and expects to have its full quota in a few days.

Strikers at Aberdeen Replaced.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Determination to break the telephone strike on Grays Harbor is evidenced today by an announcement of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, which says that the company is preparing to replace the girl operators who walked out. Girls who are hired to take the places of the strikers, the company announced today, would be assured places as long as they desired to work.

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SCENE IN FRONT OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT WEST PARK AND ALDER STREETS, TAKEN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.



STRIKING OPERATORS PICKET BUILDING AND PHOTOGRAPH GIRLS WHO HAVE TAKEN THEIR POSITIONS.

GIRLS ORDERED BACK

Mediator Urges Nation to Take Over System.

UNION BACKS UP ARBITER

Conciliator Advises Drastic Step When Company Declines to Meet the Unions—Second Appeal Is Unheeded.

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efforts to bring about an agreement with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company that it and its subsidiaries would agree to a settlement of the strike difficulties on the same terms agreed to by the strike leaders, I received at 12:30 today a letter from the company, which already had been given to the press by the company, stating the company's willingness to cooperate with the Commission in reaching a satisfactory solution of all matters, with the exception of recognition or treating with the girls' unions.

Second Appeal Unanswered.

"I immediately addressed as strong an appeal as I am capable of writing to the officials of the company, requesting them to reconsider, in the interest of National defense, and at 2:25, having received no answer, I telephoned to one of the officials, who repeated that the company would not recede from its position. As I am reliably advised by others than interested parties tonight unless the workers are assured of firm and immediate action upon the part of the Government, I am giving this message to the press, as it will thus reach the workers faster than in any other way.

"I have just wired to Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson and my colleagues on the Commission advising them of my failure to reach an agreement with the telephone company and am unqualifiedly recommending to the Commission that it unanimously recommend to President Wilson that he immediately order, in the interests of the National defense, the commanding of all the plants and properties of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company and its subsidiaries that may be needed for the Nation's defense, and that he also commandeer into Government service the officials, superintendents, foremen and employees, whether at work or on strike, to such an extent as may be necessary to maintain full efficiency of operation, such commanding to be upon such conditions as he may determine, and to continue during the period of the war. I expect that every operator, as soon as he or she receives this news, will continue at work, or report for work, until such time as the action of the President is known."

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GRAY'S HARBOR DOES NOT RECOGNIZE QUOTAS.

Both Liberty Loans, Red Cross Fund Far Oversubscribed; Men Build Ships; Cut Aeroplane Spruce.

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AID TO NEIGHBOR COSTLY

Farmer, Helping to Put Out Fire, Finds Own Home in Flames.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—While Frank Clingman, residing northwest of Halsey, was hurrying to assist a neighbor whose house was on fire, his own residence was burning. This occurred last Sunday and neighbors related the experience here today. The residence on the farm of Joseph Drinkard caught fire about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

EARLY PEACE PREDICTED

Senator Newlands Gives War Six Months to Run.

Strike Resolution Defeated.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—John N. McNamara died in a hospital here late Wednesday after an illness of four days. He formerly lived in Portland, where he was engaged in business for many years. He was at one time Exalted Ruler of the Portland Lodge of Elks.

Women Help Raise Fund.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Aid in securing the \$100,000 fund for the women's memorial gymnasium, to be erected on the campus, \$16,000 of which has already been subscribed, was pledged by the Women's Federated Clubs at their annual meeting held in Prineville. Seven members of the federation have been appointed to carry the work of securing subscriptions in different parts of the state.

Former Portland Man Is Dead.

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School Budget Election Today.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—A special school election to vote on the \$23,254.90 school budget for the coming year will be held tomorrow afternoon. The judges appointed for election are A. J. Wilson, Mrs. Ida Es-

AUTOS TO BE FEWER

Makers Voluntarily Offer to Help in War Work.

OUTPUT TO BE CURTAILED

Portion of Factories Will Be Turned to Orders for Government—First of Important Conferences Held at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Conscription of industries to supply the needs of the Army was discussed today by the War Industries Board with automobile and accessories manufacturers, who pledged their full co-operation to the Government in whatever is necessary to win the war. The plan is to divert a part of each plant to the production of war material. It was arranged to have the manufacturers represented in the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce and the Motor and Accessories Manufacturers' Association appoint a committee to work with the automobile motive products secretary of the board in planning how the big automobile factories of the country can be of the greatest service.

Red Cross Officers Named.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Chairmen of the various committees of the local chapter of the Red Cross Society, who, by virtue of their positions, will be members of the executive board, have been named as follows: Finance, J. C. Irvine; finance promotion, Mrs. J. Lindgren; military relief, D. S. Smith; civil relief, W. V. Merrill; publicity, Mrs. C. E. Winn; purchasing, W. R. Stevens; branch and auxiliary organizations, Mrs. F. E. Livingood; chairmen of the three departments of work at headquarters, Mrs. Gertrude Leigh, Mrs. Nellie Myers and Mrs. Harry B. Cusick.

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